

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appl. No. (To be Assigned)

Group:

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Examiner:

For: MR IMAGING PROVIDING TISSUE/BLOOD CONTRAST IMAGE

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for  
examination, please amend the application as follows: